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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

## Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments.

## Annotations

### 1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2006 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2006 should be the representative of a member of the African States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 17 January 2006 for the election of the Bureau.

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## 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

### Report of the Committee for Development Policy

In its decision 2005/306, the Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Committee for Development Policy to a later date, with a view to concluding its deliberation before the commencement of the eighth session of the Committee. In this context, the Council continued to examine the issue and has successfully concluded its deliberations and is before the Council for its final consideration.

### Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (E/2005/33)

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Munir Akram (Pakistan) on the basis of informal consultations (E/2005/L.52)

### Coordination segment of the Council

### Themes for the coordination segment of the substantive sessions of 2007-2008 of the Economic and Social Council and multi-year work programme for the coordination segment

In its decision 2005/221, the Council decided to continue consultations on a multi-year work programme for the coordination segment, with a view to finalizing the work programme before the beginning of its substantive session of 2006.

### Request to reactivate the consultations of the inclusion of the item entitled "Observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)" in the agenda of the substantive session of the Council in 2006

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 2 July 2001, the Council decided that additional consultations were required with regard to the inclusion in the agenda of the substantive session of 2001 of the issue of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and therefore decided to postpone its consideration to a later date. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 2 (g) of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is proposing to reactivate the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the substantive session of 2006 entitled, "Observance by the Government of Myanmar of the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)".

**Documentation**

Letter dated 30 June 2005 from the Director-General of the International Labour Office to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2006/11)

**Request for change of dates for the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration**

The Committee of Experts on Public Administration requested a change of dates for the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration from 3 to 7 April 2006 to 27 to 31 March 2006.

**Application of an intergovernmental organization for consultative status with the Council**

The Council will have before it the application for consultative status with the Council of an intergovernmental organization, namely, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.

**Documentation**

Letter dated 20 October 2005 from the Director-General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/12)

**International cooperation in tax matters**

In its decision 2005/311, the Council decided to defer consideration of the sub-item entitled "International cooperation in tax matters" to the organizational session of the Council for 2006.

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on the first session[1]

**Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development**

In its resolution 2005/45, the Council decided to consider, at its regular organizational session in February 2006, the proposal to include a discussion on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development at a future substantive session of the Council.

## 3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2006 and 2007 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2005/313, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2006 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development".

In its decision 2005/221, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2006 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2006.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

**Documentation**

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2006 and 2007 (E/2006/1)

**4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

**Documentation**

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2006 (E/2006/2/Add.1)[1]

*Notes*

[1] To be issued as *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 25* (E/2005/45).

# Annex

## Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2006

| | *Term expires on 31 December* |
|---|---|
| Albania | 2007 |
| Angola | 2008 |
| Armenia | 2006 |
| Austria | 2008 |
| Australia | 2007 |
| Bangladesh | 2006 |
| Belgium | 2006 |
| Belize | 2006 |
| Benin | 2008 |
| Brazil | 2007 |
| Canada | 2006 |
| Chad | 2007 |
| China | 2007 |
| Colombia | 2006 |
| Costa Rica | 2007 |
| Cuba | 2008 |
| Czech Republic | 2008 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2007 |
| Denmark | 2007 |
| France | 2008 |
| Germany | 2008 |
| Guinea | 2007 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 2008 |
| Guyana | 2008 |
| Haiti | 2008 |
| Iceland | 2007 |
| India | 2007 |
| Indonesia | 2006 |
| Italy | 2006 |
| Japan | 2008 |
| Lithuania | 2007 |
| Madagascar | 2008 |
| Mauritania | 2008 |
| Mauritius | 2006 |
| Mexico | 2007 |
| Namibia | 2006 |

| | *Term expires on 31 December* |
|---|---|
| Nigeria | 2006 |
| Pakistan | 2007 |
| Panama | 2006 |
| Paraguay | 2008 |
| Poland | 2006 |
| Republic of Korea | 2006 |
| Russian Federation | 2007 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2008 |
| South Africa | 2007 |
| Spain | 2008 |
| Sri Lanka | 2008 |
| Thailand | 2007 |
| Tunisia | 2006 |
| Turkey | 2008 |
| United Arab Emirates | 2006 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 2007 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 2006 |
| United States of America | 2006 |